



BY THE  
Lords Justices  
AND  
COUNCIL,  
A  
PROCLAMATION.

*Winchester, Galloway.*



WHEREAS, in, and by one Act passed in the last Session of Parliament in this Kingdom, Entituled, An Act to hinder the Reversal of several Out-laws and Attainders, and to prevent the return of Subjects of this Kingdom, who have gone into the Dominions of the French King in Europe. It is among other things Enacted in these Words following; viz. And for the Preservation of the Peace and Quiet of this Kingdom; Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid; That if any Person or Persons, being His Majesty's Subject or Subjects, who have gone out of this Kingdom at any time since the Tenth day of April, One thousand, Six hundred, Eighty nine, during the late War with France, into France, or any of the French King's Dominions in Europe, other than such as have gone thither, by His Majesty's particular Licence or Command, shall from and after the Twenty third day of October, One thousand, Six hundred, Ninety seven, voluntarily come, or return from France, or any the French King's Dominions in Europe, into this Kingdom, without His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, Licence or Leave, under the Great Seal of this Kingdom. And that also, subject to the Restrictions, and Limitations, herein-after mentioned and expressed for that purpose, had and obtained, and be thereof Convicted by due course of Law. Every Person so Offending, shall be Taken, Deemed, and Adjudged to be Guilty of High-Treason, and shall and may be Indicted, and  
Tryed



18 December 1697



Tryed for the same, in this our Realm, as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, by His Letters under the Great Seal of this Kingdom shall appoint: As more fully appear.

We the Lords Justices have thought fit by this Our Proclamation, to put in Execution the said Statute, and the Penalties therein, to the end that no Persons may be left without Excuse who shall Offend against the same: And to the intent that the said Law may be duly executed. We do hereby Will and Require all and every Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, and other His Majesty's Magistrates, and all other His Majesty's Loyal Subjects of this Kingdom, that they make diligent Search and Enquiry, not only after such person and persons who since the Twenty third Day of October, One thousand six hundred ninety seven have returned, but also all such as shall return into this Kingdom contrary to the purpose of the said Act; and by all means possible to apprehend, seize and take them, and carry them under safe Custody before the next Justice of Peace of the County, or place where such person or persons shall be Apprehended; which Justice of Peace is hereby Required to Commit such person or persons to the Goal of such County, without Bail or Mainprize, until they shall be delivered by due Course of Law; And thereof immediately to give an Account to Us. And for the speedy Trial of such person or persons, as shall be so Apprehended, Seized, or taken, We shall take care that special Commissions shall be issued from time to time, as occasion shall require, and as the said Act directs. And We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all His Majesty's Justices, Sheriffs, Mayors, and all other His Majesty's Magistrates, that they do their utmost endeavour to cause the said Statute to be put in Execution, and to cause the said Persons to be apprehended, seized, and taken, and to cause them to be committed to the Goal, as aforesaid: And that they do their utmost endeavour to cause the said Statute to be put in Execution, and to cause the said Persons to be apprehended, seized, and taken, and to cause them to be committed to the Goal, as aforesaid: And that they do their utmost endeavour to cause the said Statute to be put in Execution, and to cause the said Persons to be apprehended, seized, and taken, and to cause them to be committed to the Goal, as aforesaid.

Given at the Council-Chamber in London, the  
fifteenth Day of December, 1697.

Dioghed, Mount-Alexander, Rob. Fitz-Gerald,  
Chas. Feilding, Ri. Pyne, Rob. Doyne, H. In-  
goldesby, Rob. King.

God Save the King.

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